

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 793

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to recognize Stephen Ray Barrickman on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Ray Barrickman is one such estimable person who served with distinction for forty-four years with Bridgestone Americas before taking a well deserved retirement on July 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, known throughout the Bridgestone Corporation in North America, South America, and Japan as the premier expert engineer for tire assembly equipment, Mr. Barrickman traveled to seventeen foreign countries throughout his career to effectuate the development and implementation of new equipment; and

WHEREAS, born in Charleston, West Virginia, Stephen Barrickman graduated from Nitro High School in 1963 and West Virginia Institute of Technology in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he began his career with Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. (later Bridgestone), in Akron, Ohio, where he spent the first twenty-eight years of his career before moving to Nashville in 1994; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Stephen Barrickman is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrickman is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cheryl, their two sons, Scott and Kenny, and their two grandsons, Joseph and James; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Barrickman is an active, well-respected member of the community and a fine example of leadership, and he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Barrickman demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues at Bridgestone Americas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Stephen Ray Barrickman our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.